

NEWS ABOUT CHICAGO NEWSPAPERS

The studied purpose of the daily newspapers to stir up prejudice against trades unionism may be seen in almost every issue.

It is cunningly done by men who know how to make headlines say more than the news stories themselves say.

This morning's Tribune, for example, has as its most conspicuous news head on the first page, the following:

"High Labor Chiefs Involved in Plot with McNamaras?"

There is the interrogation point after the statement, which, if noticed at all, makes it a question instead of a statement. It is equivalent to saying: "Are High Labor Chiefs Involved in Plot With McNamaras?"

But the average reader will not notice the interrogation point. The impression created in the reader's mind is that The Tribune says high labor chiefs are involved in the plot with the McNamaras.

It's one of the tricks of the trade.

Beneath this head, in much smaller type, is the statement:

"Fredricks says some who protest loudest are guilty of the same crimes."

Down beneath all the headlines, and in the telegraphic story from Los Angeles, appears the statement by Fredricks on which the headlines are based. It says:

"Some of the statements from union labor leaders are sincere and some are not. Some of the men who are making the loudest

public utterances are implicated in the dynamiting outrages for which the McNamaras were sentenced today."

There is nothing in Fredricks' statement about high labor chiefs. The headlines exaggerated the statement, and most readers got their impression from the headlines.

For months a like policy has been pursued concerning so-called "labor sluggers." Moss Enright, Dutch Gentleman, Altman, and others of that crowd of sluggers, were referred to in the newspapers invariably as "labor sluggers."

Not a word appeared in any of the newspapers to show that Enright, Gentleman and Altman were employees of Chicago newspapers, and were known as leaders of newspaper wrecking crews.

If any of the so-called "labor sluggers" did any slugging for their newspaper employers, there was no story of it in the papers.

Nothing was printed in the papers about a man being thrown down the elevator shaft in The Tribune building by a newspaper slugger until the truth was forced out in the Lorimer investigation; and then it appeared only in the Inter-Ocean, a Lorimer organ, and the Tribune itself.

All of the papers suppressed the news of the murderous outrage at the time it happened.

Only a few weeks ago, a Record-Herald slugger named Dowd—a husky nineteen-year-old boy—slugged a Tribune newsboy,